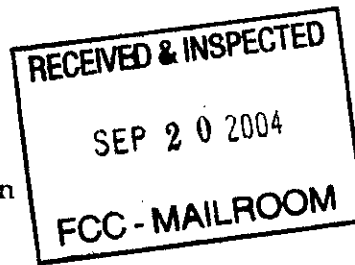


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RE: Emergency Motion of ALTS for a Limited Modification of Interim  
Protective Order  
CC Docket Nos. 96-45; 01-338; 04-313

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Eschelon Telecom, Inc. supports ALTS's request to use confidential line count information from the Commission's nonrural universal service support proceeding in the "triennial review" remand proceeding. The sole purpose of ALTS's request is to obtain some of the data that is essential for examining the potential correlation between the size of a serving wire center in terms of access lines served and impairment for unbundled, dedicated interoffice transport. Eschelon understands that such a linkage has been suggested by the ILECs and without access to the data, CLECs will be unable to evaluate thoroughly any proposals based upon such a linkage or to suggest their own impairment tests utilizing such data. Eschelon respectfully requests the Commission make this information available because there are no other sources from which CLECs can obtain it.

Sincerely,

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